

# FATE OF FRANCE HANGS IN BALANCE OF ONE BATTLE

## German Reinforcements Come Battle Front Still Unbroken Paris Is Apprehensive Over Possible Collapse of Defense

### REPORTS OF VICTORIES SENT OUT BY FRENCH MEET WITH DENIAL

(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, Sept. 17.—The battle of Aisne continues with the allies still bombarding the German position along the Aisne river. The Germans, despite difficulties caused by the heavy rains of the past week, have brought up most of their guns and the greatest artillery duel ever heard is in progress. At least 5,000 guns are said to be engaged. The Germans thus far have repulsed all efforts of the allies to drive them back from the hills along the Aisne. The allies are unable to secure a firm foothold on the north side of the river, although they gained crossings at three points under a terrific concentrated fire from German batteries.

Efforts of the French army and first and second British corps are concentrated in an endeavor to shatter the line by cutting off the German right wing commanded by General Von Kluck. The French are driving from the west while the British are striking up from the southeast.

BERLIN, Sept. 17.—(Via Amsterdam.)—This official announcement was made here today: "Attacks of the allied British and French forces on our front continue without success. Some advantages were gained by our troops, but they will not press the offensive until the army has exhausted itself. The rapidity with which the German armies accomplished the invasion of France made it necessary they should be given a brief respite. This they are obtaining."

(By International News Service.)  
AMSTERDAM, Sept. 17.—Great bodies of German troops are passing through Aix-La-Chapelle and Liege to reinforce armies in France, according to a correspondent of the Nieuws. All hospitals, schools and public buildings at Aix-La-Chapelle are filled with German wounded.

(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, Sept. 17.—The Germans made a fierce counter attack from their strongly entrenched positions along the Aisne river today but were repulsed by the allies. Furious fighting is going on all along the line. The war office issued the following official statement at 3 o'clock this afternoon: "Fighting continues with the utmost violence everywhere. The allies repulsed the fierce counter attack attempted by Germans from their strongly entrenched positions."

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—A Berlin wireless says French and English reports of victories are untrue. The German retreat of the western wing was a tactical maneuver, not affecting its strategic position, adding: "The French attempt to break through the center of the German position was victoriously repulsed." The dispatch asserts that British losses in the recent fighting were 15,000.

(By Associated Press.)  
VIENNA, Sept. 17.—Austrian soldiers say the Russians were so numerically superior that for every ten killed twenty took their places. Wounded continue to arrive. Eight thousand came in Sunday. All public buildings are converted into hospitals.

### Late War News

(By International News Service.)  
BERLIN, Sept. 17.—A midnight announcement says the French front is unchanged. French attacks at several points Tuesday and Wednesday were successfully repulsed by the Germans, who made victorious counter attacks.

BERLIN, Sept. 17.—The total published German casualties are 35,786 killed, wounded and missing. Among the killed are Prince Otto Victor, Major General Nieland and Count Kirchbach. Hindenberg's command in East Prussia is progressing.

### Austrian Emperor Leaves Vienna

(By International News Service.)  
LONDON, Sept. 17.—A Petrograd dispatch says "The retreat of the Austrians in Galicia have lost all discipline and their retirement has become a rout. Vienna reports the emperor has left the Austrian capital for an unannounced destination."

TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.

	1914	1913
Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:		
5 a. m.	56	62
9 a. m.	58	70
12 noon	71	78
2 p. m.	75	81

### BOYS STEAL ENGINE AND RUN AWAY FROM PURSUERS

### ABANDON LOCOMOTIVE AFTER RUNNING 36 MILES OUT OF SEDALIA.

(By Associated Press.)  
SEDALIA, Mo., Sept. 17.—Four boys escaped from the reform school pursued by detectives, took a locomotive standing in the yards. They started with the throttle wide open. Detectives pursued in another engine. The engine of the boys was faster and passed Pilot Point at 60 miles an hour. Thirty-six miles from Sedalia the boys abandoned the locomotive and took to the hills.

### Tonopah Merger Annual Report Answers Recent Allegations

The annual report of the Tonopah Merger Mining company for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1914, has been issued under date of September 1. The report contains some most interesting reading as, for the first time since organization has the company taken notice of various damaging rumors affecting the interests of that company. Among these it may be mentioned that the ore of the Merger has averaged \$19 a ton instead of \$10 as stated. Instead of an empty treasury the company has 329,480 shares remaining for the construction of a mill if the bond issue suggested for that purpose is not approved.

The balance sheet shows a total surplus of \$170,703.85, including \$18,131.54 carried forward as the profit of the fiscal year ending April 30, 1914.

"Regarding the many rumors circulated to the effect that the vein the Tonopah Merger is now working apices in ground not belonging to your company," concludes John G. Kirchen, general manager, "and therefore the ore taken therefrom is not your property, I wish to state there is absolutely no foundation for such rumors. Neither has any neighboring company claimed anything to the contrary."

Extracts from the reports of President Key Pittman follow:

"The rumor to the effect that the title to some of the ore within your property was threatened by apex litigation, circulated and published by stock manipulators for the purpose of frightening stockholders into selling their stock at a sacrifice, is denounced as false and forever set at rest by the statement of Mr. Kirchen in his report."

"Other false rumors and libels against the company, circulated and published through the same sources, and apparently for same purpose, are also definitely and finally put at rest by Mr. Kirchen's report."

"One of these rumors was to the effect that all of the treasury stock of the company had been disposed of and that the company possessed no assets with which to construct a mill. The report shows that there is unissued stock in the treasury amounting to 329,480 shares. This not only discloses that the company has assets with which to build the mill, but also proves that the company has performed all of its large development work since the first issue of treasury stock out of the profits derived from the ores in the mine."

"Another one of these libels was to the effect that it was probable that the ore only went about \$10 a ton, and that the profits from mining such ore would not be sufficient with which to build a mill. The report shows that the average contents per ton of the ore mined was 37 of an ounce gold and 22.50 ounces silver, which at the market value of gold and silver at the time the report was made would be over \$19 per ton."

"Attention is called to the fact that the report shows that the veins have constantly and rapidly improved in value with depth, the best showing in the mine being on the 1170 level. An ore shoot of 400 feet long, of an average value of \$20 per ton for a width of 10 feet, is most remarkable, and has been discovered in but few mines anywhere in the world."

"The fact that the mine has paid all expenses from the profits on ores is more remarkable when it is considered that nearly all of the ore has been taken out of drifts and raises, as few attempts have been made to stop or do other form of development than blocking out of ore for future mining."

"The development of the mine during the last two or three months has been greatly retarded by reason of delay in obtaining the necessary pumping facilities to drain the mine. Such pumping facilities are now provided and in operation, and the mine is being rapidly drained through the shaft of the Victor Mining company, which is north and west of the workings on your property."

"Recent development work from the Victor shaft has added greatly to the probable extent and value of the ore bodies within your property."

"The company has been milling its ore at the Belmont mill at Millers, Nevada, under fairly reasonable charges and conditions, but there is no doubt that the cost of reduction of the ore could be greatly reduced if the company were possessed of its own milling plant. Funds for the building of a plant could be raised either by the sale of treasury stock or by the issuance of bonds in the manner pursued so successfully by the Tonopah Extension Mining company. The president of your company favors the latter method. As it will naturally be a matter for determination by the board of directors, it will be carefully considered in the near future."

John G. Kirchen, general manager of the company, referring to the lower development of the property, has the following to say about the 1170 foot level:

"1170 level: The vein was encountered in a north crosscut from the shaft, and the west drift developed an ore shoot 400 feet long, when a fault was encountered. This shoot is by far the best opened to date, averaging \$20 a ton across a width of 10 feet. Beyond this fault a second ore shoot has been developed for 100 feet. Near the end of the fiscal year a north crosscut from the end of the west drift encountered a new vein, with a west end rhyolite footwall and trachyte hanging wall. This vein shows average values of

\$20 per ton across a width of six feet, and up to the date of this report has been drifted upon westward for 40 feet, maintaining the same width and values.

"An incline shaft was started from this level, and sunk a distance of 80 feet, when it had to be temporarily stopped on account of the flow of water being more than the pumps could handle."

"The vein should extend a further distance of at least 500 feet on its dip before leaving any part of your property, and there is every reason to believe that it will maintain or improve its average grade."

Profit and Loss Account.  
Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 1914.  
Sales of ore.....\$220,744.69  
Less sampling, freight and treatment charges.....93,373.53  
\$127,371.16

Deduct:  
Operating Expenses:  
Mining.....\$91,248.74  
General and administrative.....10,625.35  
Patent expenses.....3,632.05  
Accidents and damages.....4,197.50  
109,703.64

Add miscellaneous income.....464.02  
Profit carried to bal. sheet \$18,131.54

### OVER A HUNDRED VISITORS DAILY VISIT THE TONOPAH GOLD BELT

Over 100 visitors were observed out in the gold belt of the Tonopah mining district yesterday and every day sees more people flocking to the new center of attraction. The fact that all the men interested in development of the prospect shafts are residents of Tonopah gives the new camp a peculiar flavor, distinguishing it from all other camps that have been discovered in the west. There is no ragtown evidence about the place to indicate that a rush is on nor are there any saloons or lodging houses to accommodate the wayfarer. None of these embellishments of other mining rushes are in sight and there is no use for them, since the leasers and their workers live in Tonopah and ride in autos and from labor every morning and afternoon. There is not even a water wagon or a townsie in prospect. Every man is digging. That is the best sign of the intentions of those who have fastened their faith to the gold belt of Tonopah. If the gold is there in paying quantities they are going to find it, and if it is not there in quantity and richness to justify further expense the leasers and locators will quietly quit the field without wasting any money in building cabins, roads or temporary accommodations. Everything is in Tonopah and the men who sally forth each morning carry their dinner buckets and water bags.

They are a serious lot of men interested in the new venture. They are unlike other prospectors, since they are not saying much but keep pegging away on their blocks of ground, convinced they are going to

open one of the best areas on earth. So far there is not a single hole where the leaser or owner cannot show colors and, as the ledges strengthen with depth, there is a growing conviction that in the course of the next thirty days the camp will be proved up to the satisfaction of all. One stipulation of each lease is that no drifting, stopping or crosscutting can be done at less than fifty feet in depth and until this distance has been covered there is not likely to be any material change in conditions. The Daugherty, McNamara and Mooney lease has one of the best showings with 18 inches of quartz that will run around \$100 a ton. They are down 40 feet and must continue sinking to the required fifty feet.

Between the Tally & Shapway and Saunders & Sorenson leases there are at least fifty men at work. Jarvis & Co. are down forty feet and about fifteen others are leasing around the first strike. Tom D. Murphy, of Goldfield, has begun with two men on his lease and sees no reason for altering his first statement that the camp and formation looks good and very much like the old Combination Fraction in its palmy days. On the Saunders & Sorenson ground ten leasers are going down as fast as their funds will permit and today the number was increased by Charles Taylor and Ed. Regan taking another block of ground. The leasers complain they are hampered by the number of persons seeking information and they propose adopting a gag law to shut off promiscuous interruptions from idlers who want to satisfy an inordinate curiosity. The men are losing a great deal of time in this way and it is proposed to check the evil in some way that will prevent strangers from interrupting the prospectors. This is the one drawback of the gold zone. It is so close to a large established camp that hundreds are tempted to stroll out and look over the ground to while away an afternoon.

Good water is found in abundance within half a mile at the Little home-stand, where there is a well with a good flow of domestic water equal to the best.

### Carload Paper For the Bonanza

♦ The Bonanza will not suffer ♦  
♦ from the famine in printing ♦  
♦ per due to the war which has ♦  
♦ sent prices skyrocketing. All ♦  
♦ the big papers of the country ♦  
♦ have been compelled to reduce ♦  
♦ the size of their publications ♦  
♦ owing to this shortage, but the ♦  
♦ Bonanza takes pleasure in in- ♦  
♦ forming its readers that a car- ♦  
♦ load of paper is now on the way ♦  
♦ through the Panama canal that ♦  
♦ cannot be sidetracked by any ♦  
♦ competitors.

TEMPERATURE REPORT  
Highest temperature yesterday, 74;  
a year ago, 78.  
Lowest temperature last night, 56;  
a year ago, 61.

### WAR MINISTER CALLED TO FRONT, TIGHTENS THE TENSE SITUATION

(By International News Service.)  
BORDEAU, Sept. 17.—Tense anxiety has prevailed in the war office today. Minister of War Millerand went to Paris again last night and shortly after a statement was issued declaring the French had not been forced from any positions. This statement is not regarded as reassuring and is taken rather to indicate that the German armies or part of them have taken the offensive and are pressing heavily upon the allies.

The sudden departure of Millerand was accompanied with considerable mystery, coming so soon after the statement from the war office, and was taken to signify the minister of war was not completely satisfied with the condition at the front. Up to noon today no official news was received at the war office and attaches said they had no information regarding the battle along the Aisne river.

(By International News Service.)  
PARIS, Sept. 17.—Heavy reinforcements have reached the German right wing and General Von Kluck's army has taken the offensive, striking fiercely at the allies' left. New French troops are being rushed to the vicinity of Noyon. The following statement is by a high government official: "The German action on the right has suddenly become very strong, indicating the enemy is making another effort to cut our line. Along the center the Germans show less strength, while on their left their position is almost untenable. Germans attempted a bombardment of Rheims, but with little effect. Should the enemy win the battle now in progress the second advance on Paris will naturally follow, but we believe Von Kluck's army has little chance of succeeding."

(By International News Service.)  
PETROGRAD, Sept. 17.—The eighth army corps (120,000 men) that Germany sent east to repel the Russian attack in East Prussia and strengthen the Austrian army in Galicia has been withdrawn, being rushed to the western theater of war. This information was received at the war office today. The general staff believes Germany intends to use this force for a final terrific blow in an attempt to shatter the allies' resistance in France.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Sept. 17.—It is rumored the kaiser has ordered Gen. Von Klock not to resist in France and that he is ready to listen to offers of peace through Pope Benedict or President Wilson, but the steady stream of wounded from the front seems to disprove this and indicates it will be a battle to the finish.

(By Associated Press.)  
PARIS, Sept. 17.—Vienna dispatches announce the approaching call of all reservists en masse. The report says the emperor said to the archduke when the latter was departing for the front: "Never has anything cost me so much pain as the duty of making such a grave decision."

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Sept. 17.—A Paris dispatch says Italian reservists in Paris have been called out for September 28th. They believe this means Italian entrance to the war.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Sept. 17.—A Rome dispatch says the Germans have abandoned Liege.

### DEATH VALLEY MAY HAVE SWALLOWED 4 PROSPECTORS

### BELIEF GROWING THAT THREE MORE BODIES REPOSE IN THE SANDS.

The finding of the dismembered body of a man at Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley may prove the clue to one of the greatest tragedies known on the desert. Last evening Deputy Busch, in reporting to Sheriff Malley, said it was understood that the dead man was one of a party of four prospectors who had outfitted somewhere in Inyo county, California, and that all must have perished. Sheriff Malley instructed his deputy to make a thorough search of the sands in the vicinity of the well in an effort to find the other three men. At 2 o'clock this afternoon Frank Busch had not reported and it is believed he is still searching for the missing men.

### ENGLISHMEN REPEL GERMANS IN AFRICA

(By International News Service.)  
NAIROBI, British East Africa, Sept. 17.—German soldiers who attempted to invade Belgian Congo were defeated and driven back into their own territory. The East African Mounted rifles who were sent to Belgian territory when the Germans crossed the border defeated the invaders at Kisumu.

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### Truce Declared In Colorado War

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—President Wilson has been formally notified by the striking Colorado miners that they had accepted the action of the officers of the United Mine Workers accepting a tentative basis for a settlement of the strike.